

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Keith Bales, on February 3, 2009 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)  
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 21, 1/29/2009; SB 119, 1/29/2009

Executive Action: SB 73; SB 119

00:00:04 Senator Bales

**HEARING ON SB 21**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:14 Sen. Bob Story (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 21,  
Clarify distribution of certain motor vehicle revenue.

00:01:16 Senator Laible now present.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

None.

00:04:33 Sen. Brueggeman now present.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:04:59 Shirley Brown, Child and Family Services, Department of  
Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:05:35 Sen. Story

00:06:25 Sen. Bales

**HEARING ON SB 119**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:06:52 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 119, Medicaid buy-in option for individuals with disabilities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:49 Hank Hudson, DPHHS

00:12:56 Travis Hoffman, Montana Independent Living Centers

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00:14:59 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS)

00:16:40 Mark Sanders, NCILS

00:17:49 Margaret Keener,

00:19:18 Tom Osborn, NCILS

00:19:41 Kathy McGowan, Community Mental Health Centers

00:20:23 Dr. Gary Mihelish, National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) Montana

00:21:48 Eve Franklin, Office of the Governor

00:23:39 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

00:24:17 Rep. Tim Furey, HD 91

00:24:51 Marilyn Lemm, Volunteer Advocate, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT\(fcs25a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None.

**Informational Testimony:**

None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:02 Sen. Ripley

00:26:21 Sen. Esp

00:26:25 Sen. Bales

00:26:58 Mr. Hudson

00:27:47 Sen. Bales

00:27:56 Mr. Hudson

00:28:17 Sen. Bales

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:28:23 Sen. Esp

00:29:34 Sen. Bales

00:29:57 Sen. Hawks

00:30:37 Sen. Bales

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 73**

00:31:03 **Motion:** Sen. Hawks moved that **SB 73 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:31:53 **Motion:** Sen. Hawks moved that **SB 73 BE AMENDED** conceptually to change the effective date from Jan 1, 2010 to Jan 1, 2011.

00:32:30 Sen. Peterson, Sen. Zinke, Sen. Wanzienried, and Sen. Gallus now present.

00:32:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote.

00:32:53 **Motion:** Sen. Hawks moved that **SB 73 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:33:14 Sen. Bales

00:33:18 Sen. Hawks withdrew his motion.

00:33:28 Sen. Bales

00:33:50 Sen. Tropila

00:34:08 Sen. Bales

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 119**

00:34:28 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 119 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:34:42 Sen. Esp

00:35:46 Sen. Bales

00:35:59 Sen. Esp

00:36:09 Sen. Bales

00:36:18 Sen. Esp withdrew his motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:38 P.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([fcs25aad.pdf](#))**